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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: PRC REQUEST FOR BUNKERING

REF: STATE 038074

1. MOBIL REPRESENTATIVE TOLD CONGEN MARCH 29, THAT, DURING DISCUSSION WITH CHINESE REPRESENTATIVES HERE ON MARCH 28, MOBIL HAD OFFERED TO SUPPLY 5,000 TONS OF BUNKER FUEL MONTHLY WORLDWIDE (PRINCIPALLY IN U.S. AND EUROPE) WITHOUT WAITING FOR POSSIBLE REPAYMENT HERE IN PETROLEUM. MOBIL REPRESENTATIVE EXPLAINED TO CONGEN THAT CHINESE HAD NOT PROVIDED DIESEL SAMPLES TO MOBIL DESPITE REPEATED REQUESTS. MOBIL HOPED, HOWEVER, EVENTUALLY TO OBTAIN CHINESE DIESEL FUEL OF HIGH ENOUGH GRADE TO MIX IN WITH MOBIL'S OWN STOCKS HERE.

2. ESSO REPRESENTATIVES TOLD CONGEN APRIL 1 AND 2 THAT ESSO HAD SIGNED TWO CONTRACTS (ONE IN DECEMBER AND ONE IN MARCH) TO PROVIDE BUNKER FUEL TO PRC, PRINCIPALLY IN WESTERN HEMISPHERE. AS NOTED IN PEKING'S 1636, ONE CONTRACT COVERS CHINESE-OWNED SHIPPING AND THE OTHER COVERS CHARTERS. ACCORDING TO ESSO, CHINESE-OWNED SHIPS HAVE ALREADY BEGUN TO SERVE U.S. PORTS, THE FIRST BEING THE "CASPIAN SEA" WHICH CALLED AT LONG
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BEACH, CALIFORNIA, LAST DECEMBER. (PRESS REPORTS THEN,

HOWEVER, INDICATED THAT THIS VESSEL WAS OWNED BY THE CHINESE NATIONAL CHARTERING COMPANY OF HONG KONG, AND HAD AN ENGLISH CAPTAIN AND CHIEF ENGINEER. ER IR 73-2, FEB 73, LISTED THIS VESSEL AS BELONGING TO A PRC-CONTROLLED SHIPPING COMPANY BASED IN HONG KONG.)

3. ESSO ALSO SAID CHINESE HAD OFFERED 5,000 TONS DIESEL FUEL MONTHLY BEGINNING END OF MARCH, BUT THAT SAMPLE PROVIDED WAS TOO HEAVY TO POUR. ESSO HAS ASKED FOR LIGHTER FUEL, AND HOPES SUPPLY WILL BEGIN END OF APRIL. THIS WILL PROBABLY BE PURCHASE, NOT EXCHANGE FOR ESSO BUNKERING, AND WILL BE USED IN A LOCAL POWER PLANT 60 PERCENT OWNED BY ESSO.
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